



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Shamokin, Pa.

HISTORIC NOTES

- Dec. 11, 1854—1st recorded Episcopal Service in Shamokin and occasional services held until 1856.
- May 15, 1865—Trinity Parish Organized.
- Nov. 7, 1865—Cornerstone laid for first church on property donated by Charles Helfenstein.
- April 29, 1866—Church destroyed by a Gale and rebuilt by May 11 for 1st Confirmation Service with Bishop Vail of Kansas.
- 1876—An addition of 25 feet was made to the church.
- 1881—A bell was purchased and a tower was added to the church.
- 1890—Plans were made and construction began on the present church. The Old Church was moved and used as the Parish House.
- Feb. 11, 1892—Dedication of the Present Church.
- June 7, 1912—Church Consecrated by the Bishop having become debt free.
- 1927—New Parish House constructed replacing the Old Church.
- 1931—Window above altar installed and the Reredos and Altar replaced.
- 1940—St. Mary's Altar added.
- 1952—Present Organ purchased.
- 1960's—Choir and Organ moved to rear of church, and the sanctuary was enlarged.
- Jan. 27, 1975—Annual Meeting adds "Holy" to the title of the Parish.
- June 6, 1982—Bell Tower Mosaics blessed and installed in honor of 90th Anniversary of the church.



[Photo courtesy of Dave Haupt]

THE APPARITION

During Lent 1977 a group of parishioners met on Wednesday evenings for a Prayer and Praise Service. With the arrival of Easter they decided to continue to meet and on April 13 after the service a mother and her daughter returned to the church for a baby bottle they left there. After retrieving the bottle they happen to look at the altar and saw the Apparition. They quickly called the others from the Parish Hall. The news began to spread and others began coming to see the Apparition.

Since then thousands have come to Shamokin from all over the world seeking to see the Image of Our Lord. In addition to seeing the Image many have received healing of their bodies and souls. The most famous of these appeared in the June 1981 issue of Guidepost Magazine.

N O V E N A
TO OUR BLESSED LORD IN THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT
OF THE ALTAR

Blessed Lord, I thank you that I am able to see you present on the Tabernacle.

You said to Thomas, "Blessed are those who do not see and Believe" and I am truly sorry that I have been unable to see you so many times through your presence in the Most Holy Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle.

Give me grace, so that my faith will be sufficient to always see you, not only here, where you are visibly present, but in every minute of my life, when I am unable to come into a Church to adore you.

Let me see you in all people and let them see you in me.

As I kneel before you, Bless me Jesus through his miraculous Vision and speak to me as I listen. Amen.

P R A Y

Blessed Jesus, I kneel before your presence in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I am filled with sorrow for the many sins I have committed and I want you to know that I am truly sorry that I have crucified you over and over again by my sinning. I know that by truly repenting You will take them away. Have mercy on me Jesus ,. forgive me and accept me as you accepted the many sinners who came to You with humble and contrite hearts.

Let my sorrow be replaced with the joy I feel in your visible presence on the Altar. Accept me as a sinner who has returned to your fold. Fill me with your presence in my heart and in my mind and spirit. Come into me and take possession of my very being. Let Your sacred presence be visible in and through me to others so that I can witness to your love by my love for others.

Come, Lord Jesus and take me . . . I give myself to You to use in any way to further the coming of your Kingdom. Speak to me now as I remain silent.

Thank you Jesus